

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION
TO PROPOSED ELECTRICAL STANDARDS
OF THE DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT -- ACCESS COMPLIANCE**

**REGARDING THE ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF THE
2005 EDITION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE**

Notice is hereby given that the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) on behalf of the Division of the State Architect (DSA) proposes to adopt, approve, codify, and publish electrical standards contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 3.

The Division of the State Architect Access Compliance (DSA/AC) is proposing to relocate electrical standards from Part 3 (CEC) into Part 2 (CBC) applicable to accessible design of public buildings, public accommodations, commercial buildings and publicly funded housing.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The California Building Standards Commission on behalf of the Division of the State Architect will hold a public hearing at [TIME], on [DATE] at [ADDRESS], during which time any person may present statements or arguments relevant to the proposed electrical standards action summarized below.

Written comments will be accepted by the CBSC regarding the proposed changes from [DATE] until [TIME] on [DATE].

Please address your comments to:

California Building Standards Commission
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
Sacramento, CA 95833
Attention: E. David Walls, Executive Director

Written Comments may also be faxed to (916) 263-0959 or E-mailed to CBSC@dgs.ca.gov.

OR

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, written comments will be accepted from [DATE], until [TIME] on [DATE]. Please address your comments to:

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Pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.5 (a) 17, any interested person or his or her duly authorized representative may request, no later than 15 day prior to the close of the written comment period that a public hearing be held.

POST-HEARING MODIFICATIONS TO THE TEXT OF THE REGULATIONS

Following the public comment period, the CBSC may adopt the proposed electrical standards substantially as proposed in this notice or with modifications that are sufficiently related to the original proposed text and notice of proposed changes. If modifications are made, the full text of the proposed modifications, clearly indicated, will be made available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date on which the CBSC adopts, amends, or repeals the regulation(s). CBSC will accept written comments on the modified electrical standards during the 15-day period.

NOTE: To be notified of any modifications, you must submit written/oral comments or request that you be notified of any modifications.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

The CBSC proposes to adopt these building standards under the authority granted by Health and Safety Code Sections (H&SC§) 18930 and 18949.1. The purpose of these building standards is to implement, interpret, and make specific the provisions of Government Code Sections (GC§) 4450 through 4461, 12955.1 and H&SC§ 18949.1 and 19952 through 19959. The DSA/AC is proposing this regulatory action based on GC§ 4450.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Summary of Existing Laws

Section 4450 of the Government Code authorizes the State Architect to establish building standards for making buildings, structures, sidewalks, curbs, and related facilities accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities. Section 12955.1(d) of the Government Code authorizes the State Architect to establish building standards for public housing.

Existing Regulations & Effect

Existing electrical standards which prescribe electrical standards for accessibility to public buildings, public accommodations, commercial buildings and publicly funded housing are promulgated by the DSA/AC. These electrical standards are contained in CCR, Title 24, Part 3 known as the 2004 California Electrical Code (CEC), and are based on provisions within the adopted 2002 National Electrical Code.

Summary of Effect

The proposed action would relocate 2004 CEC provisions into the California Building Code, to be consistent with the technical building standards adopted in Part 2 (*California Building Code*) based on the 2006 edition of the International Building Code. Fine Print Notes (FPN) would remain in the CEC as a cross-reference to the provisions in the CBC.

Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations

Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990; ADA Standards for Accessible Design, 28 Code of Federal Regulations Part 36, revised as of July 1, 1994; and the Federal Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 are the only Federal provisions the Division of the State Architect is aware of which may apply to the proposed adoption of these standards.

Policy Statement Overview

The broad objective of the proposed action is to maintain CA electrical standards in conformance with current state law and federally-recognized accessibility design standards.

OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE APPLICABLE TO THE AGENCY OR TO ANY SPECIFIC REGULATION OR CLASS OF REGULATIONS

There are no other matters prescribed by statute applicable to the Division of the State Architect, or to any specific regulation or class of regulations.

MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

The DSA/AC has determined that this proposed regulatory action would not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

ESTIMATE OF COST OR SAVINGS

- A. Cost or savings to any state agency: None
- B. Cost to any local agency required to be reimbursed under Part 7(commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: None
- C. Cost to any school district required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: None
- D. Other non-discretionary cost or savings imposed on local agencies: None
- E. Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: None

INITIAL DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES

The DSA/AC has made an initial determination that this proposed electrical standards action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact on businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with business in other states.

DECLARATION OF EVIDENCE

No facts, evidence, documents, testimony or other evidence has been relied upon to support the initial determination of no effect.

FINDING OF NECESSITY FOR THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE

The proposed regulatory action does not require a report by any business or agency, therefore the DSA/AC has not made a finding of necessity for public's health, safety or welfare.

COST IMPACT ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS

The DSA/AC is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with this proposed regulatory action.

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECT OF REGULATIONS UPON JOBS AND BUSINESS EXPANSION, ELIMINATION OR CREATION

The DSA/AC has assessed whether or not, and to what extent, this proposed regulatory action will affect the following:

- The creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California.
The DSA/AC has determined that this proposed action has no effect.
- The creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.
The DSA/AC has determined that this proposed action has no effect.
- The expansion of businesses currently doing business with the State of California.
The DSA/AC has determined that this proposed action has no effect.

INITIAL DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON HOUSING COSTS

The DSA/AC has made an initial determination that this proposed electrical standards regulatory action would not have a significant effect on housing costs. The CBSC contact designated below will make the DSA/AC evaluation of the effect of the proposed regulatory action on housing costs available upon request.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The DSA/AC has determined that no reasonable alternative considered that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of DSA/AC would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which this action is proposed, or would be as effective as and less burdensome to affected private persons than this proposed electrical standards code action

AVAILABILITY OF RULEMAKING DOCUMENTS

All of the information upon which the proposed electrical standards are based is contained in the rulemaking file, which is available for public review by contacting the person named below. This notice, the express terms, and initial statement of reasons can be accessed from the CBSC website (<http://www.bsc.ca.gov>).

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the contact person named below or at the CBSC website.

CBSC CONTACT PERSON FOR PROCEDUAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS

General questions regarding procedure and administrative issues should be addressed to:

[Insert name of assigned CBSC staff person and back-up person]

2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130

Sacramento, CA 95833

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PROPOSING STATE AGENCY CONTACT PERSON FOR SUBSTANTIVE AND/OR TECHNICAL QUESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO BUILDING STANDARDS

Specific questions regarding the substantive and/or technical aspects of the proposed electrical standards changes to Part 3 should be addressed to:

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